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--Besides the fatty acid triethanolamine esters, other suitable antistatic agents are esters of fatty acids with diethanolalkyamines corresponding to formula (II):

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$$R^{1}CO-(OCH_{2}CH_{2})_{q}OCH_{2}CH_{2}-N-CH_{2}CH_{2}O-(CH_{2}CH_{2}O)_{r}R^{2}$$
 (II)

in which R¹CO is an acyl group containing 6 to 22 carbon atoms, R² is hydrogen or has the same meaning as R¹CO, R⁴ is an alkyl group containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms and q and r together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 20 and ending at page 4, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Finally, a third group of suitable trialkanolamine esters are the esters of fatty acids with 1,2-dihydroxypropyl dialkylamines corresponding to formula (III):

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$$R^{5}$$
 O-(CH₂CH₂O)₅OCR¹
 $|$ $|$ $|$ $|$ $|$ -N-CH₂CHCH₂O-(CH₂CH₂O)_tR² (III)

in which R¹CO is an acyl group containing 6 to 22 carbon atoms, R² is hydrogen or has the same meaning as R¹CO, R⁴ and R⁵ independently of one another are alkyl groups containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms and s and t together stand for 0 or numbers of 1 to 12. So far as the choice of the preferred fatty acids and the optimal degree of esterification are concerned,—

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 5 and ending at page 5, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-In another preferred embodiment of the invention, the fatty acid alkanolamine esters are used together with lubricants of the partial glyceride type which produce a synergistic improvement in color stability. Partial

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glycerides, i.e. monoglycerid s, diglycerides and technical mixtures thereof may still contain small quantities of triglycerides from their production. The partial glycerides preferably correspond to formula (IV):

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CH₂O(CH₂CH₂O)_vCOR⁶

CHO(CH₂CH₂O)_wR⁷

(IV)

CH₂O(CH₂CH₂O)_xR⁸

in which R⁶CO is a linear or branched, saturated and/or unsaturated acyl group containing 6 to 22 and preferably 12 to 18 carbon atoms, R⁷ and R⁸ independently of one another have the same meaning as R⁶CO or represent OH and the sum (v+w+x) is 0 or a number of 1 to 100 and preferably 5 to 25, with the proviso that at least one of the two substituents R⁶ and R⁷ represents OH. Typical examples are mono- and/or diglycerides based on caproic acid, caprylic acid, 2-ethylhexanoic acid, capric acid, lauric acid, isotridecanoic acid, myristic acid, palmitic acid, palmitoleic acid, stearic acid, isostearic acid, oleic acid, elaidic acid, petroselic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, elaeostearic acid, arachic acid, gadoleic acid, behenic acid and erucic acid and technical mixtures thereof. Technical lauric acid glycerides, palmitic acid glycerides, stearic acid glycerides, isostearic acid glycerides, oleic acid glycerides, behenic acid glycerides and/or erucic acid glycerides which have a monoglyceride content of 50 to 95% by weight and preferably 60 to 90% by weight are preferably used.

The ratio by weight--

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-9.

Please add the following new claims 10-17.

10. (New) A method of imparting antistatic properties to a thermoplastic comprising contacting a thermoplastic with from about 0.5 to about 5 parts by weight of an antistatic agent selected from the group consisting of (1) a compound of the formula (IV):

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